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In re Patent Application of:  
Michael Bartsch et al.

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For: **STERICALLY HINDERED CHELATE  
PHOSPHINITE-PHOSPHITE LIGAND,  
CATALYST, COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE  
NICKEL(0) COMPLEX STABILIZED BY  
SAID LIGAND AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCTION OF NITRILES**

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Examiner: Shiao, Rei Tsang

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.